Docket No.: 2038-230

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

N. SHIMOE et al.

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Examiner: M. Kidwell

For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

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[X] No additional fee is required.

] Small entity status of this application has been established.

] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[X] Also attached: Notice of Appeal

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF	HIGHEST	EXTRA	RATE	FEE
•	CLAIMS	PREVIOUSLY	CLAIMS		
		PAID FOR			
Total Claims	18	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 84 =	\$ 0.00
	If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00				\$0.00
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
		TOTAL FEE DUE		\$ 0.00	

- [] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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